

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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Bethany Community Middle School ) CC Docket No. 02-6  
In the Schools and Libraries Program )

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 471 APPLICATION AND ITEM 21 DEADLINE

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Bethany Community Middle School, BEN 16057876

FCCRN: 0019973130

470: 332140001243669

471: 161028646 (C1 for TWC Internet and Phone)

**FRN 1699058148: Internet Access**

**FRN 1699058213: Voice**

Bethany Community Middle School is a small, rural school charter school district in North Carolina (70% E-rate discount), and respectfully requests a waiver of the 2016-17 Form 471 application and Item 21 deadline.

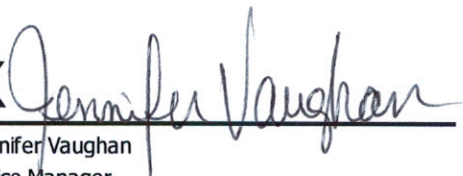
As with all applicants in the 2016 funding year, BCMS was introduced to a new filing system and became confused as to the *entire* process. The application was completed within the original window of April 28, (including uploaded contracts) but unfortunately, the form was never *certified*.

Only after the window, and a call with our State E-rate Coordinator, Jeannene Hurley, BCMS then certified our one application in the new EPC

portal, July 27, 2016. We understand that this is not with the 14-day grace period for schools and school districts, but it is still within the 14-day grace period for libraries and consortia. We are filing this request today because we are unsure of when we will receive an actual OOW – Out Of Window Letter. We understand that all documents for 2016 and forward will be in the portal, but we don't know when we will receive the OOW.

Thank you so very much for your support in granting this request for waiver of the filing deadline of May 26, 2016, and we look forward to serving our rural students one more year in our current location, as we are building a new facility and hope to then connect to the backbone, NCREN.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of July, 2016.

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